



2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 62

June 23, 2017 - Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, WIRCH, RINGHAND, SHILLING, DARLING and MOULTON, cosponsored by Representatives JACQUE, SCHRAA, MILROY, ANDERSON, HINTZ, HORLACHER, POPE, BERCEAU, FIELDS, BALLWEG, SUBECK, SPREITZER, BOWEN, ALLEN, ZEPNICK, C. TAYLOR, PETRYK, TITTL, KLEEFISCH, OHNSTAD, THIESFELDT, BERNIER, KESSLER, BRANDTJEN and MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Month.

2 Whereas, suicide is a national health crisis, with the Center for Disease Control
3 and Prevention reporting that, in 2014, 1.1 million Americans attempted to take
4 their own lives and 42,773 Americans took their own lives, making suicide the tenth
5 leading cause of death in the United States and underscoring that approximately
6 every 12.3 minutes we lose a life to this crisis; and

7 Whereas, the effect of a single suicide is devastating, resulting in anguish and
8 sadness on the part of all those who knew the victim, and this damage can consume
9 a community, forever draining that community of its vitality, innocence, and
10 happiness; and

11 Whereas, suicide affects all races, genders, and age groups, with an estimated
12 quarter million people each year that are suicide survivors, and there are numerous
13 factors such as depression, abuse, alcohol or drug dependency, bullying, and other
14 mental illnesses that contribute to suicide; and

1 Whereas, education and awareness are crucial tools in the fight to prevent
2 suicides and may serve to create a deliberative forum in which persons may seek
3 help; and

4 Whereas, the legislature has an opportunity to lead and offer openness as well
5 as understanding about the causes, effects, and circumstances of those
6 contemplating self-harm; and

7 Whereas, September is designated as National Suicide Prevention Month to
8 spread knowledge and awareness and provide an opportunity for those who have lost
9 a loved one to suicide or someone who has contemplated suicide themselves to share
10 their experiences; now, therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature
12 hereby proclaims September as National Suicide Prevention Month in Wisconsin.

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(END)